

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ATMOS)	
ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
OF RATES AND TARIFF MODIFICATIONS)	2017-00349

ORDER

On October 17, 2017, the Commission entered an Order establishing a procedural schedule that required Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) to file responses to all supplemental requests for information no later than January 3, 2018. The Commission entered an Order on October 24, 2017, scheduling a hearing in the case for March 20, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. On October 26, 2017, Atmos filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule and to reschedule the hearing.

In support of the request to modify the procedural schedule, Atmos states that based upon the Commission’s October 17, 2017 Order, and due to the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, it will only have 12 business days to prepare its supplemental responses. Therefore, Atmos requests to modify the procedural schedule to permit it to file the supplemental responses on January 8, 2018, instead of January 3, 2018.

Atmos further requests that the hearing date be rescheduled to March 27, 2018, in order to allow for adequate preparation. Atmos asserts that three of its witnesses have commitments the week prior to the March 20, 2018 hearing, due to spring

break for Dallas area schools, which would limit preparation for the hearing.

The Commission, having considered Atmos's motion denies the motion in part and grants it in part. Atmos made the decision to file its application for an adjustment of rates and tariff modifications on October 5, 2017, which due to statutory deadlines, inevitably caused certain procedural deadlines to fall around the holidays. Moreover, the Commission did consider the holidays when it provided Atmos three full weeks, instead of the customary two weeks, to provide responses to both the initial and supplemental requests for information.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds no good cause to modify the procedural schedule, and Atmos will be required to file all supplemental responses no later than January 3, 2018. However, the Commission does find that good cause exists to reschedule the hearing to March 22, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's motion to modify the procedural schedule is denied.
2. Atmos's motion to reschedule the hearing is granted, and the hearing is rescheduled to March 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
3. All other provisions of the Commission's October 17, 2017 Order that are not in conflict with this Order shall remain in effect.

4. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

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